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[redacted] a report on an alleged weapons and ammunition factory in Jesenice. 1. The plant is described as a part of the Precision Engineering Works (Zavody presneho strojirenstvi) and is said to employ 15,000 persons. The report lists weapons and ammunition produced at the plant and the production capacity for each article.

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1. [redacted] Comment: No plant of the type described is known in any of the several towns named Jesenice, of which the most likely would be the Jesenice (N 50-06, E 13-29) near Podborany and the Jesenice (N 49-58, E 14-31) near Prague. However, the reference may possibly be to Jasenica (N 49-11, E 18-27), also known as Povazske Jasenica, which is very near Povazska Bystrica (N 49-07, E 18-27), the location of the Vah Machinery Works (Povazske strojarne) armaments plant.

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Subject: Czechoslovakia - Weapons and Ammunition Factory - People's  
Factories for Construction of Precision  
Machinery in JESENICE.

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The Factories for Construction of Precision Machinery in JESENICE are among the largest weapons and ammunition factories in Czechoslovakia, and they are a sister factory of the one in VSETIN, which is a part of the ZBROJOVKA-BRNO armaments trust.

In the course of the industrial reorganization, the Czechoslovak weapons and ammunition factories were officially assigned to the trust Factories for the Construction of Precision Machinery [REDACTED], in which they form autonomous units. From the administrative point of view they are subordinate to the Central Administration of Arms Factories -- HS-o -- of the Ministry of Construction of Precision Machinery in Prague. From the production ~~point~~ point of view, however, they are directly subordinate to the Ministry of Defense in Prague.

The ZPS-JESENICE weapons and ammunition factory was built immediately after World War II. It consists of 182 ~~production~~ production buildings

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equipped with the most modern production machinery, both domestic and foreign. [redacted]

#### Production Plan

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- machine guns of light and heavy caliber - Model 26 and 37 and replacement parts;
- antitank guns, caliber 57 millimeters; assembly-~~line~~<sup>line</sup> production has been initiated;
- Model S-39 antitank guns of 37 millimeters and replacement parts;
- assembly-~~line~~<sup>line</sup> production of automatic pistols of 7.62 millimeters, Model CZ-51, Type 003;
- aircraft machine guns of 12.7 millimeters and replacement parts;
- ammunition for light and heavy machine guns, automatic pistols, antitank guns, and antiaircraft guns;
- rockets which are launched electrically from aircraft and are used by antitank weapons.

#### Production Capacity

After two months of observations, it was possible to ascertain the following approximate monthly production capacities:

- 1) Ammunition for machine guns and automatic pistols: 62-65 carloads;
- 2) Machine guns of light and heavy caliber: 220;
- 3) 57-millimeter antitank guns: 40;
- 4) 37-millimeter antiaircraft guns: 14-16; [sic; see above, under "Production Plan"]
- 5) Type 003 automatic pistols of 7.62 millimeters: 6,200;

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- 6) 12.7-millimeter aircraft machine guns: 36-38;
- 7) Aircraft and antitank rockets: production cannot be determined because it is carried out irregularly <sup>on</sup> order of the Ministry of Defense.

At the present time, 15,000 persons are working at the ZPS-JESNICE factories; 35 percent of the workers are women. The work is done in three shifts.

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